

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5385

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning work performed by institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Senators Liias, Holy, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C..

Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce
House Committee on Capital Budget

Background: Public Works Projects. Public entities are required to go through a competitive bid process for public works projects estimated to cost over a certain dollar amount. That amount varies depending on the entity and how many trades may be involved in the project. The awarded contract must go to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest responsive bid.

Bid Limits for Public Institutions of Higher Education. The bid limit established for a competitive sealed bid process for a regional university, state university, or community and technical college (CTC) is limited to an amount equal to or more than \$90,000 for any building, construction, renovation, remodeling, or demolition, or other maintenance and repairs. If the work only involves one trade or craft area, the amount may be equal to or more than \$45,000.

Summary: The bid limits established for public works projects at a regional university, state university, or CTC are increased. For any building, construction, renovation, remodeling, or demolition, or other maintenance and repairs, the bid limit is increased from \$90,000 to \$110,000. For work involving only one trade or craft area, it is increased from \$45,000 to \$90,000.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	98	0

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